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Infant of 29 Palms Marine awaits heart

By Sgt. Jennie Haskamp
OBSERVATION POST Staff

An intravenous line placed in his left forearm travels up his tiny bicep across his shoulder and directly into his heart. Prostin, Milranone, Verced, morphine and Lasix are a few of the medications pumped into the IV, enabling his heart to function.

For three-and-a-half-month-old Dillon Robert Sellers, the drugs pumped into his body are lifesavers. Without them his heart would not function properly, and he would die. Dillon, who weighed 8 lbs. 2oz. at birth on Oct. 19, has been in the neonatal intensive care unit at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., since Oct. 28.

"I took him to the (MAGTFTC Twentynine Palms hospital October) 28 because of jaundice," said his mother, Betsy. "His feet were blue, and his breathing was so rapid they took him to the emergency room. In the ER they found a heart murmur and said he was in cardiac failure."

After being airlifted to Loma Linda Children's Hospital, tests and X-rays revealed Dillon suffered from Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. In a child with HLHS, all of the structures on the left side of the heart, the side that receives oxygen-rich blood from the lungs and pumps it out to the body, are severely underdeveloped. This results in a situation where the left side of the heart is completely unable to support the circulation needed by the body's organs, though the right side of



Photo courtesy of the Sellers Family

3 and a half-month-old Dillon Sellers, son of Maj. Hal and Betsy Sellers, was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and awaits a heart transplant at Loma Linda University Medical Center. His family hopes a donor becomes available before his dad leaves to join his unit for Operation Enduring Freedom.

the heart, the side that delivers blood to the lungs, is typically normally developed.

"Initially, the doctors thought it could be repaired with surgery," said his father, Maj. Hal Sellers, executive officer, 3rd Light-Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, MAGTFTC Twentynine Palms. "Then they realized because of the extent of his heart problems, transplant was Dillon's only option."

The Sellers hope a donor will be found in time to save Dillon's life, despite the fact his blood type is rare—O positive—and he might have to wait longer to receive a donation.

"A baby girl received a heart at Loma Linda about (three) weeks ago," said Betsy. "She is six months old and has been waiting for almost six months. Dillon is first in line now."

Knowing someone else's baby received a transplant encourages Betsy.

"It not only means Dillon is next," said Betsy, a wistful look in her eye. "It also gives us hope of him holding on until a heart becomes available. Even if it takes that long, his chances of survival rise tremendously, if he receives a transplant."

LLUMC has performed heart transplants for close to 20 years, and boasts a survival rate that is eight-to

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Force protection condition heightened

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

MCLB Barstow recently raised its force protection to Bravo, as did every base in the Marine Corps.

As a result, there will be changes in the tightness of security on base, especially at the gates of Nebo and Yermo.

To help speed up the process of getting aboard MCLB Barstow, Maj. Lawrence Casserly, base provost marshal, said there are a few things service members and civilian employees can do.

"The main thing anybody coming on base needs to do is have their ID card ready when they get to the gate," said Casserly. "We still have people pulling up to the gate with their window rolled up and their ID card in their pocket, and this slows traffic

down considerably."

Another thing to speed up the process of getting on base is having a clean car.

"We are doing random searches on vehicles coming on base," said Casserly. "If a person's car is packed full of stuff, my MPs have to go through it all and it can end up taking a while."

Even though the new security measures can be a nuisance, Casserly said they are for the protection of everybody on base.

"The only result we get from deterring a terrorist act is that nothing happens here," said Casserly. "So even though nobody commits an act of terror doesn't mean the threat doesn't exist."

Casserly said even though his MPs work long shifts, they are doing a good job.

"My MPs are working about 300 hours a month," said Casserly. "They are doing the best

they can with a depleted work force, so anything the patrons of this base can do to make their job easier would be appreciated by them."

People aboard the base can still sponsor guests, but the proper actions must be taken.

For visitors or contractors to gain access to enter MCLB Barstow, their sponsor must submit the following information to the Public Safety Office.

The visitors first, last and full middle name, birth date, drivers license or state identification card number and the state in which it was issued, social security number, and company name if applicable, must be submitted.

Their vehicle's year, make, model, color, and license plate number must be submitted as well. The information must be sent to smbbarstowpba@barstow.usmc.mil.

War and transformation: The U.S. military's story

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Transformation of the U.S. armed forces is at the heart of the president's fiscal 2004 defense budget request. Yet at the same time, America must fight a global war on terrorism.

Many pundits question whether the United States military can do both at once. They argue that resources used to transform the military are best used fighting the war.

But history shows they are wrong: The United States military has had long experience in transforming the military at the same time fighting a war.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said during a January briefing that not only should transformation continue as

the United States fights the war on terror, "but it's absolutely imperative that we do this."

Myers pointed out that the U.S. military has done this in the past. "We did the same thing in World War II; we transformed while we were fighting a global war," the chairman said.

The World War II example is illustrative. Gen. George C. Marshall became the Army's chief of staff on Sept. 1, 1939 — the day Nazi Germany invaded Poland. Under his command he had roughly 227,000 soldiers but only enough equipment to arm 75,000.

Further, the Nazi Blitzkrieg exposed shortcomings in strategy, tactics and doctrine that made obsolete much of what the U.S. military thought.

And it wasn't just the Army. The Navy had been wed to the idea that battleships would be the decisive factor in any war in the Pacific. The Japa-

nese attack at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and the sinking of the British battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse on Dec. 10 put that idea to rest.

World War II was not the only instance of this transformation. The American Civil War was an example of what happens when technology changes, but thinking does not.

Union and Confederate soldiers were armed with rifled muskets. That, plus advances in artillery, made a frontal attack suicidal.

Yet the Napoleonic tactics remained intact: March shoulder-to-shoulder, then charge.

The enlisted men saw the futility of these tactics before the generals did. By the mid-point of the war, the battalion fronts had expanded to where there was more space between soldiers. They also saw the necessity of earthworks and, if ordered

into an area, would dig what a later generation called foxholes and expand those into trenches.

The change in thinking was tough to overcome. But still the U.S. military fought a major war and transformed at the same time. The Union Army grew from a small frontier-based fighting force to the best on Earth by 1865. The riverine wars on the Mississippi and operations on the South's seacoast forced the Union's Army and Navy to cooperate in ways no other nation on the globe could duplicate.

But perhaps the most impressive example of transformation while fighting a war occurred during the Revolutionary War. When the Continental Congress formed the Army in 1775, Gen. George Washington took over a motley band of militiamen and then proceeded to challenge the greatest empire in the

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Why war over words?

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Every once in a while I am surprised by discovering just how pertinent the Holy Bible can be for today. By that I mean what I read does not require deep thought or incisive theological debate to uncover its meaning. Certainly, there

are many places like that in Scripture, but one stood out to me recently that I would like to write about today. I hope this will give us all pause for thought. If you care to read the passage yourself, it is found in the Christian Scriptures, *2 Timothy 2:14-26*.

The writer is speaking directly to a young minister who is dealing with a group of church people. As you know, church people are very human and so you have a mix of good and not so good. In this case the writer, whom is believed to be Saint Paul, is telling Timothy some important things to avoid. He begins by saying that Timothy should tell his congregation to "avoid wrangling over words ..." He says to do this because it "does no good but only ruins those

who are listening." I read that and thought how much the same it is today.

People have still not learned in all this time that words are powerful and arguing over the meaning of words most of the time does no one any good at all. In the theological world we call it "splitting hairs." What that means is that when a word or phrase can have more than one possible meaning someone takes the most arcane possibility and argues some theological point from that position. The probability of that meaning being the one intended is virtually nil, yet they insist that it is a possibility and must then be accepted as a defensible position.

In the end, these kinds of discussions merely confuse those who are not grounded in what they believe and detract from those in the discussion because most people can see the pettiness involved. Apparently, this is a tough lesson to learn. If you don't believe me, just look and listen for a while.

The second thing Saint Paul writes about is another real gem. He says, "have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know they breed quarrels." That really hit the mark as well. Do we find ourselves arguing about minutia? I think sometimes that is what it

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Andy J. Hurt

Cpl. Luke Webb, armorer at the Base Armory, draws an M-16 rifle for a Marine to carry during the Headquarters Battalion hike. See related photos on Page 7.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of
every month at
3 p.m. at the **Base Chapel**.
Call 577-6849
for more information.

Morning Prayer

Mon.-Fri. at 8:30 a.m.
at the **ASD Conference
Room, Building 15**.
Call 577-6849
for more information.



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Battle Color Ceremony coming

The Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment, composed of the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Team and Color Guard, is scheduled to perform for the public at Sorensen Field here at noon March 6.

The Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as the Commandant's Own, will perform a selection of patriotic songs, followed by the Silent Drill Team, which will perform a drill routine without any

audible commands.

Both historic components of the Battle Color Detachment are based at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., and travel all over the United States and the world for their performances.

Visitors should come to the main gate at Nebo and follow the event signs.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 577-6430.



Small Pox recipient notice

By order of the commanding officer anyone who has received the Small Pox vaccination is not authorized to use the base gym until the scab at the vaccination site falls off. This policy is in effect until further notice. For more information, contact Immunization at the Branch Medical Clinic at 577-6491 ext. 114 or 115.

Jazz Social Night

The Black Employment Program Committee will host a Jazz Social Night tonight, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Oasis Club. If Modern, Fusion or Latin Jazz mixed with a touch of blues is your thing, come out and listen to these sounds provided by the Jazz Man himself, MCLB's own Edward Virgil.

There is no cover charge, and complimentary hor d'oeuvres will be provided.

Contact the following committee members to reserve a spot:

Robin Cross-Walker	577-6395
Odis Gentry	577-6002
Marva Johnson	577-6965
Edward Virgil	577-7118
Brenda Mathews	577-6230
Clarence Green	577-6047
Gunnery Sgt. Craig Stanley	577-6003
Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond	577-6364

Meetings combined

The Parent Advisory Board, Mayor's Meeting and Town Hall Meeting have all been combined into one meeting. Anyone having questions, comments or concerns about a variety of issues, whether it is school bus stops, housing, MCCC related or anything else related



to the local community or base that needs be to be addressed, this is the forum for it. Initially, monthly meetings are planned until further notice.

The first "combined" Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Youth Activity Center. The meetings will be held every third Wednesday of the month. Initial point of contact for this meeting is the base executive officer's secretary at 577-6556.

Daffodil Days

The daffodil is the first flower of spring, a symbol of hope, renewal, and for the American Cancer Society, the promise that one day the world will be free of cancer.

Daffodil Days is an annual event designed to raise community awareness of the important mission of the American Cancer Society while raising funds vital to its lifesaving mission.

Flower bouquet orders or donations can be made. Orders for flowers must be made by Friday for flowers to be delivered March 17.

For more information, or to order flowers, call Susan Durant at 577-6969, Millie Sanchez at 577-6918, or Demsey

Sanchez at 577-6903.

Temporary on-ramp closures at Lenwood Road

The California Department of Transportation will temporarily close the Interstate 15 southbound Lenwood Road on-ramps in Barstow beginning Monday to facilitate the construction of new lanes on southbound I-15.

The southbound straight on-ramp (near the Rip Griffin Truck Stop) will close to traffic beginning Monday and will reopen Friday afternoon. The southbound loop on-ramp will close March 3 and reopen March 7. The detour for the ramps is as follows:

From Lenwood Road southbound, continue past the Factory Merchants and Tanger Outlet malls to Outlet Center Drive. Go west on Outlet Center Drive to the southbound I-15 entrance ramp.

The ramp modifications are part of the ongoing freeway-widening construction on I-15 from Victorville to Barstow.

For more information, call Dennis Green, Caltrans construction liaison, at (909) 383-6291.

Ash Wednesday services offered

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at the Base Chapel on March 5. The service will begin at 11 a.m. and will be celebrated by both Father Marion Coslowsky and Chaplain Randel Livingood. Additionally, an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the commander's workshop, Building 573, at Yermo. Please call the Chapel at 577-6849 with any questions.

I-15 road construction

The California Department of Transportation has completed construction on a new segment of the North Victorville underpass railroad crossing that spans Interstate 15, between Stoddard Wells/Bell Mountain Wash and Dale Evans

Parkway. To construct the other half of the underpass, traffic started being diverted Feb. 10 onto a 1.2-mile segment of the northbound roadbed.

The detour, which will last approximately three weeks, is necessary so construction crews can safely build the segment of the North Victorville underpass. This work follows a similar detour process that occurred to accommodate the construction of the northbound portion of the new underpass.

Caltrans on Feb. 7 also started to detour southbound I-15 traffic between Outlet Center Drive and Wild Wash Road onto an 8-mile segment of the newly-constructed center median lanes to accommodate construction of an additional southbound mixed-flow lane.

The detour, which will be in effect approximately eight months, will extend the entire 28 miles of the project limits as additional segments of the temporary center median roadway are completed. This traffic diversion will allow construction crews to work unobstructed on new southbound lane construction.

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Their vehicle's year, make, model, color, and license plate number must be submitted as well. The information must be sent to smbbarstowpba@barstow.usmc.mil.

Sponsors must also submit their full name, organization, and work phone number, or if the sponsor is a resident of base housing, they need to submit their full name, rank, address and home phone number.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
203	Human Resource Assistant (OA) GS-203-05	02-13-03	02-20-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 326, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

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WG											WD-WN						Pay Level
WL-WS	WG-Rates					WL-Rates					WS-WD-WN Rates						
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
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WS-18	32.77	34.13	35.49	36.86	38.22
WS-19	34.27	35.88	37.13	38.55	39.99

GARY L. MEADOWS
Chief

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Editor’s note: Last week’s pay scale was for the San Diego area. This is the correct scale for Barstow.

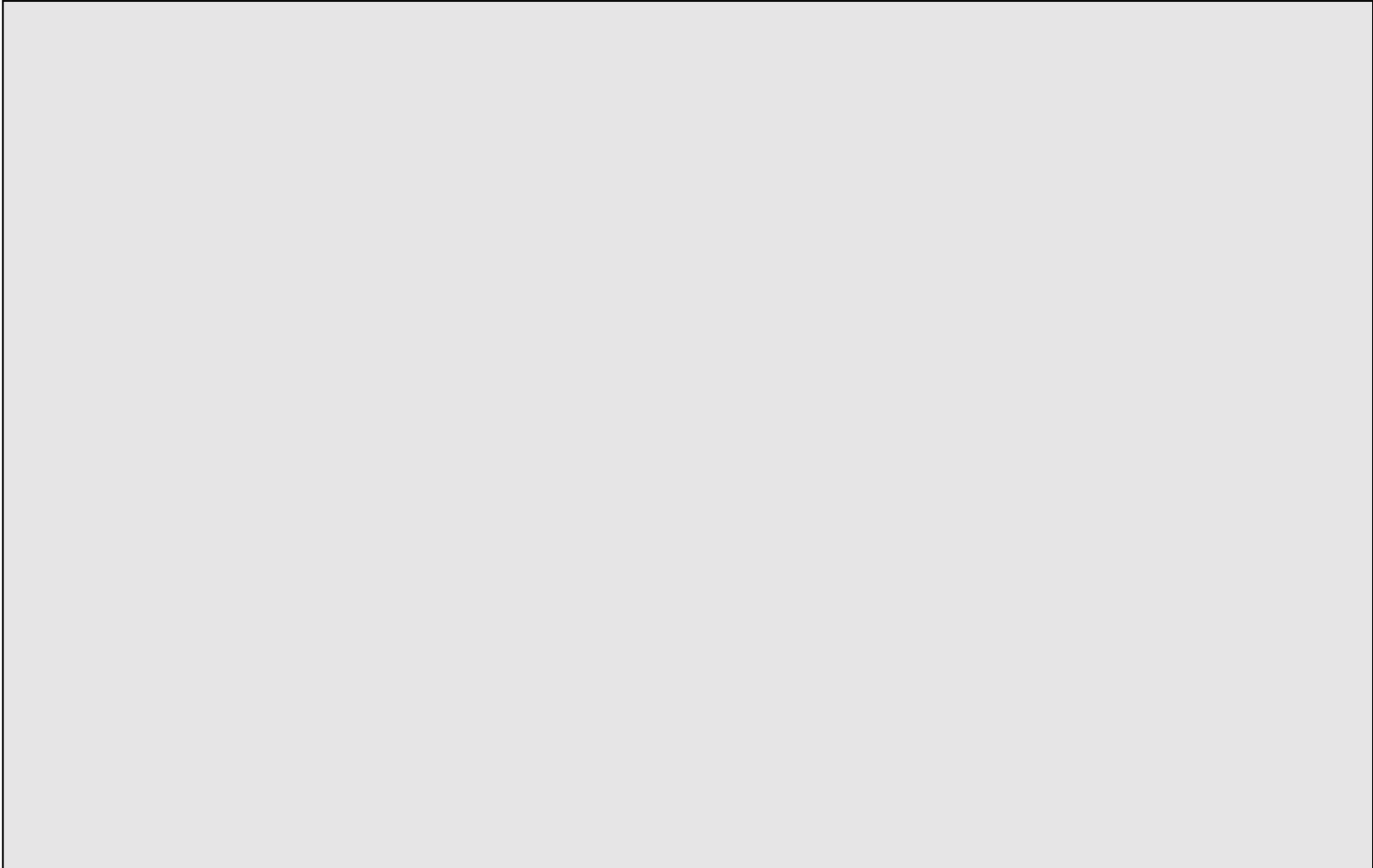
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seems like. Yet many times we find it impossible to keep from being embroiled in them. I often wonder what would happen if everyone figured out a way to stop “being involved in stupid and senseless quarrels.”

In today’s world I think it would cause a dramatic decline in the number of lawsuits and other legal actions that are based on people being overly sensitive and looking for a quick way to gain some liquid assets. Both of these concepts “wrangling over words” and “avoiding senseless quarrels” seem to be almost insurmountable obstacles. Without a doubt, much time and energy are dedicated to these two furtive adversaries.

How do we stop? I believe we stop by first of all being honest with ourselves. That means being able to confront ourselves when our motives are divisive instead of heartening. After being honest with ourselves, if we find that we are arguing just for the sake of trying to win the argument of to be the “devils advocate” then that is the time we should try and stop ourselves by remembering that nothing good comes out of senseless arguments. It may take awhile to make those kinds of changes, but the pay off is worth it!

Peace,
Fr Randel



Boards a decent chance to advance

By Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

Staring into the eyes of over 75 years of Marine Corps leadership experience, a young corporal fights his nerves as a bead of sweat rolls down his back under his khaki shirt. The board is almost over. He has made it through the scrutiny of a service uniform inspection, gave 100 percent on a physical fitness test, and conducted close order drill in a shadow of his drill instructor he learned from just two short years ago. Now is his chance to shine. The opportunity to answer directly to the panel of six senior enlisted board members to prove that he has what it takes to be the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

According to Cpl. Joseph E. Evans, kennel master for the base provost marshals office and most recently named NCO of the Quarter, confidence is the key to success.

The Marine Corps holds boards

for a variety of different reasons. From selection to a specialty occupation to competition for rank, motivated Marines compete regularly throughout the year to gain access to a higher level in their careers.

The obvious prize for a meritorious board is early promotion to the next highest grade. But what is it that Marines can gain by competing for Marine or NCO of the Quarter?

"Confirmation," said Lance Cpl. Darin Cleveringa, dog handler for the base provost marshals office and most recently selected Marine of the Quarter. "For me, it's the confirmation that what I'm doing and what I know is right. Sure, the pride is there, and representing the base by having your picture on the wall is great, but I like to know for myself that when I become an NCO I'll be teaching my Marines the right way all the time. This title proves to me that I'm doing what I should be

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Photo by Curt Lambert

From left to right: Vickie Gay, James Fitts, Billie Reed, Col. Rob Gerlaugh, Col. Liz Bergman, Susan Durant, and James Lovette receive their Eagle awards for the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign. The recipients of the Eagle Award all donated \$650 or more to the CFC. The CFC benefits local charitable organizations. Last year's campaign totaled \$28,217, and the goal to make 100 percent contact of all military and civilian personnel aboard MCLB Barstow was reached.

Around the Corps

SOTG schools 13th MEU TRAP Team for deployment

By Sgt. Mark P. Ledesma
13th MEU

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP
PENDLETON, Calif. - Two AH-1W Super Cobras make several passes above the simulated crash site before giving the CH-53E Super Stallion carrying tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel Marines the go-ahead to descend. As the loud-thundering blades of the Super Stallion lifts debris from the ground, its rear hatch opens and the mission of the TRAP force begins.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit's TRAP team wrapped up its two-week Helicopter TRAP Course here Jan. 31 with plenty of lessons learned.

According to Staff Sgt. Stephen R. Marshall, chief TRAP instructor, Special Operations Training Group, the first week of the course was spent in the classroom covering everything from mission planning and equipment to mission execution.

"The second week the Marines are given back-to-back missions during day and night," said Marshall.

The mission of the TRAP team can range from personnel recovery to destruction of downed aircraft upon recovery of the aircrews, said Marshall.

The TRAP force consists of 22 Marines and two corpsmen, all of whom are capable of fast roping into a mission site. Added personnel with specific training such as demolitions also allow the team to complete missions that may require destroying an aircraft.

According to Marshall, the Marines are given a variety of mission scenarios ranging from performing missions in different terrains to completing missions in a nuclear biological chemical threat area.

The learning curve for the course is extremely steep, according to participants.

"The instructors throw a lot of stuff at you in the two weeks," said 23-year-old Cpl. Robert M. Ruiz, team leader, TRAP force, 13th MEU. "The course is very realistic. I've learned that accountability of your Marines and gear and rehearsals are very important."

The scenarios begin fairly simple with no



Photo by Sgt. Mark P. Ledesma

enemy present and rapidly increase in difficulty with the last exercise being in a mountain environment. Marines taking the course found the fast pace challenging.

"Having to learn that way forces you to remember the information a lot easier and it forces you to pay close attention to the instructors," said Lancaster native Sgt. Jared J. Lovell, team leader, TRAP Force, 13th MEU.

According to 1st Lt. Ed D. Hinman, TRAP Force platoon commander, the instructors at SOTG are doing a good job challenging the Marines.

"They are putting them in difficult situations forcing them to really think and use initiative," said Hinman.

According to Marshall, the Marines are answering the instructors' challenge.

"This unit is being extremely proactive, and the MEU is also being extremely proactive by giving extra guidance and assistance. They are really preparing themselves for the eventuality that they would have to do these missions," said Marshall.



Photo by Sgt. Mark P. Ledesma

Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel Marines evacuate wounded evaders and comrades during a simulated TRAP exercise Jan. 29.

Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel Marines direct a wounded evader to a secured location during a TRAP exercise. During the exercise, some evaders simulated disorientation and none cooperation forcing the TRAP team to restrain them.



Photo by Sgt. Mark P. Ledesma

1st Lt. Ed D. Hinman, platoon commander, Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel team, carries one of his casualty Marines during a simulated TRAP exercise Jan. 29.

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Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie III, Headquarters Battalion commander, and Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua, finance clerk at the Finance Office, lead Headquarters Battalion in a 10-mile hike.



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Hospitalman Dereck Arredondo, corpsman at the Branch Medical Clinic, tapes up a blister during a break on the hike.

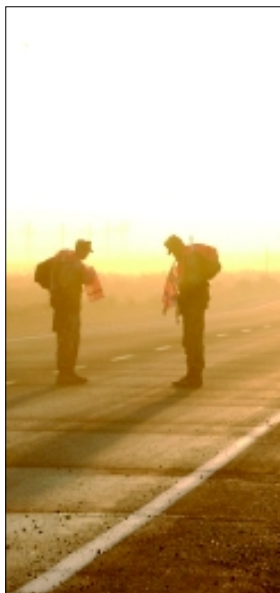


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Two road guards prepare to start the hike as they watch the sunrise.



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Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor, supply chief for Headquarters Battalion Supply Office, rewraps his ankle during a break on the hike.



By Jim Gaines
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Sale ongoing through month

The Super Seven Day Store Presidents Day sale continues through the month, featuring bargains like these: 20 percent off fragrances, 20 percent off all cameras, 30 percent off sweaters and 40 percent off slacks.

The Super Seven Day Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated, the lunch menu for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Café are the same.

Today – Virginia baked ham with potatoes au gratin.

Friday – Shrimp stir fry with steamed Jasmine rice.

Monday – Veal Parmesan and noodles.

Tuesday – Shepherds pie and hot biscuits.

Wednesday – Sweet and sour pork with steamed Jasmine rice.

Thursday – Chicken Cacciatore with steamed rice.

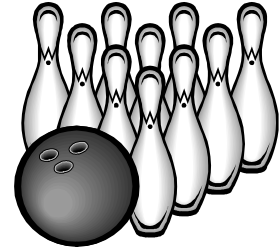
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Jess Castillo of Finance serves the ball to Comm during their volleyball game. The win put Comm in a first place tie with Hdqtrs Bn. in the intramural volleyball league standings.

Comm spikes Finance

By Pfc. Andy Hurt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Comm is tied for first place with Hdqtrs Bn. in the base intramural volleyball standings after a 2-1 victory over Finance Feb. 12 at the Base Gym.

Both teams appeared ready to rock in the first set. It kicked off with James Hainer serving for Comm, scoring critical points and sending the team into an early lead that carried on to a 15-8 victory for Comm over Finance.

Finance's Micheal R. Smith slammed a violent spike into Comm's court to get things started off for the second set. Putting a stack of points

on the board, Smith led the team to a 15-13 win in the second set, tying the match 1-1.

In the evening's final match up, Comm dominated the scoreboard by allowing Finance only six points the entire set, capturing the game victory with a 15-6 win.

The win improved Comm's standing in the league playoffs, which begin Feb. 26 at the Base Gym, with a four-win, one loss record. Finance stepped back to second place with a record of three wins, two losses, and Pepe's was bumped into the fourth place position with their record of 2-3 after their recent loss to Hdqtrs Bn.

The league championship is scheduled for March 6.

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doing as a Marine."

Pride and confirmation are just the tip of the iceberg, according to Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Vanfonda, Headquarters Battalion first sergeant.

"The Marine and NCO of the quarter are given a certificate of commendation, a \$50 gift certificate for food, a two-night stay in the four-star Marines' Memorial Hotel in San Francisco, as well as a plaque, complimentary breakfast and \$200 savings bond from the local community," said Vanfonda. "The Marine of the Year gets all of that plus an NCO sword and a Navy Achievement Medal instead of a (certificate of commendation)."

With the prizes and pride at stake, it is no wonder the Marines competing can get a bit nervous, wondering how they are doing in comparison or worrying about the questions they will be asked.

"The next board I go on, I'm not going to worry so much about the others," said Cleveringa. "Keeping focused on what I am doing and having confidence in myself is the key to mastering my nerves."

According to Evans, many times the question and answer portion of the board is not even designed to test a Marine's knowledge of a specific topic, but rather to put a Marine in an awkward situation to see how he or she deals with it.

"I've seen Marines not answer a single question right and still win the board," said Evans. "As long as you keep your bearing, you should do just fine."

But how do people get better at keeping their bearing?

"No one can help you increase your bearing," said Evans. "It's just being accustomed and familiar with unusual situations and not letting stress get to you. It's kind of like playing in the big game. The anxiety is there until the ball is snapped. After that, you're just playing the game. That's kind of how competing on a board is for me. You just have to trust that the initial anxiety will go away once the board gets underway, because it always does."

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world. Great Britain's army was well-equipped, well-trained and well-led. The Continental Army was truly, in the words of then-British Prime Minister Lord North, a "rabble in arms." Washington had to train the men, arm them and build the whole logistics base while fighting a war.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has made military transformation a priority. "Current and future

enemies will seek to strike the United States and U.S. forces in novel and surprising ways," Rumsfeld said in a report on the issue. "Now is precisely the time to make changes. The attacks on Sept. 11 lent urgency to this endeavor."

The secretary has six overall transformation areas that the military must address:

Protect the U.S. homeland and defeat weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery; project and sustain power in distant environments; deny

Though there may not be a way to practice handling stress, there are ways Marines can make themselves more visible to be selected to compete, as well as ways to prepare for the other elements of a board if selected.

"Do your job and do it well," said Cleveringa.

"Personally, I never asked to go on a board, and in hindsight I wish I had, but I guess the reason I was selected is because I try and do my job the best way I can every day. There is never a question in my mind if I am doing the right thing, because if I don't know, I ask and I get it done."

Practice makes perfect, according to Evans.

"There is no other way to learn drill than to get out there and drill," said Evans. "Nobody can master the art of close order drill by studying the manual. It's a hands on thing."

Most boards conducted here are composed of four separate elements that are judged separately by the panel of senior enlisted members, according to Vanfonda.

A physical fitness test is done first thing in the morning, followed by a Service Alpha uniform inspection. After the inspection, the competing Marines change into the uniform of the day to conduct close order drill and then report to the board of senior staff for a period of questions dealing with basic military knowledge and current events.

Immediately following the Marines' interview with the panel, their service record books are evaluated to add or subtract points for things like awards, decorations or punitive action.

"By no means should a page 11, or even an NJP for that matter, keep a Marine from competing and winning on a board," said Vanfonda. "Both positive and negative aspects of a Marine's book are looked at, and there is a lot that can be overcome."

According to Vanfonda, the motivation and initiative alone that it takes to compete says a lot about a Marine's true character.

"If I would have known earlier about the benefits of competing, and how easy it is to get involved, I would've been asking to go up on boards the minute I got to the (base)," said Cleveringa.

enemies sanctuary by developing capabilities for persistent surveillance, tracking and rapid engagement; leverage information technology to link up joint forces; protect information systems from attack; and maintain unhindered access to space and protect U.S. space capabilities from enemy attack.

On this two-pronged approach of fighting the global war on terrorism and transforming at the same time, Myers said, "Nobody said it's going to be easy, but that's what we've got to do."

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13-percent higher than the national average, although 20 percent of infants die still waiting for a donor.

It is the waiting that makes the situation so precarious, not the possibility Dillon's body will reject the donation, explained Betsy. His immune system is overworked, and with so many entry sites for tubes and IVs, he battles constant infection.

"He is just so weak," said Betsy. "They have him on a respirator now, because breathing on his own was too much work for him. He was losing weight every day, just working to breathe. At one point he was below his birth weight. Now that he is back on the respirator, he has regained some weight. They actually used medication to paralyze him for a while, to control his voluntary reflexes. This helped control the amount of weight he was losing."

For the first time since his hospitalization, Dillon is not on any antibiotics.

In his short life, he has battled pneumonia, sepsis and a variety of infections.

"We are excited about that, but we know it can change instantly," his mother said. "Several times, they have called us and said 'come to the hospital now, he might not make it much longer.'"

For the sake of their two older sons, 8-year-old Alex and 6-year-old Erik, the Sellers are trying to maintain a normal routine at home.

"They need consistency in all of this," explained Betsy. "Alex is old enough to be sensitive about it, and he understands Dillon might not make it. Erik is the one who is more affected by us not being home as much, and we are trying to avoid that as much as possible."

During the week, Betsy visits Dillon while the boys are at school and day care for a few hours, commuting about three hours each day she visits her youngest son.

"I get them to school and head to the hospital, she said. "I stay with Dillon and then make it home to pick Alex and Erik up at 4 p.m. After that it is homework, dinner at 5:30 and baths, quiet time and bed at eight."

Weekends find the entire Sellers family visiting little Dillon at his home away from home, in a crib adorned with a patch from his daddy's unit.

"He is doing normal 3-month-old things now," said Betsy. "He follows us with his eyes, and he just found his hands. He sucks on them now, and he reaches for stuffed animals the nurses strung above his crib."

After a moment, she explains one thing that makes Dillon differ-

ent from babies his age.

"He doesn't cry or coo or laugh ... he can't, because of the respirator," she said softly. "They can't take him off of the respirator though; he is too weak to breathe alone."

As each day passes, and Dillon's dad comes closer joining his unit overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the need for a donor becomes more imminent. The Sellers, organ donors themselves, explained most parents don't even discuss donating their child's organs.

"The time to decide to be an organ donor is when your kids are healthy," said Sellers, admitting he was not even aware there was a need until Dillon was diagnosed. "It is unfortunate that another child has to die in order for Dillon to live, but a parent will have the opportunity to give life to my son, even in the midst of their own tragedy."

Betsy says the thought of her husband being gone while their son waits for a heart is hard, but the decision is one they made together.

"We would love for Dillon to receive a transplant before Hal leaves, she said. "But when he signed up to be a Marine, it was not for when it was convenient. He needs to go with his unit."

Despite the ongoing possibility of a family tragedy, they have managed to find something positive to take from the experience.

"In all of this, everyone has been amazing," Betsy said. "We could not imagine going through this outside of the Corps."

The battalion wives have been amazing with their support, and the staff at the hospital is phenomenal. Dillon's nurses even call to check on him when they are not working. It's really been absolutely amazing."

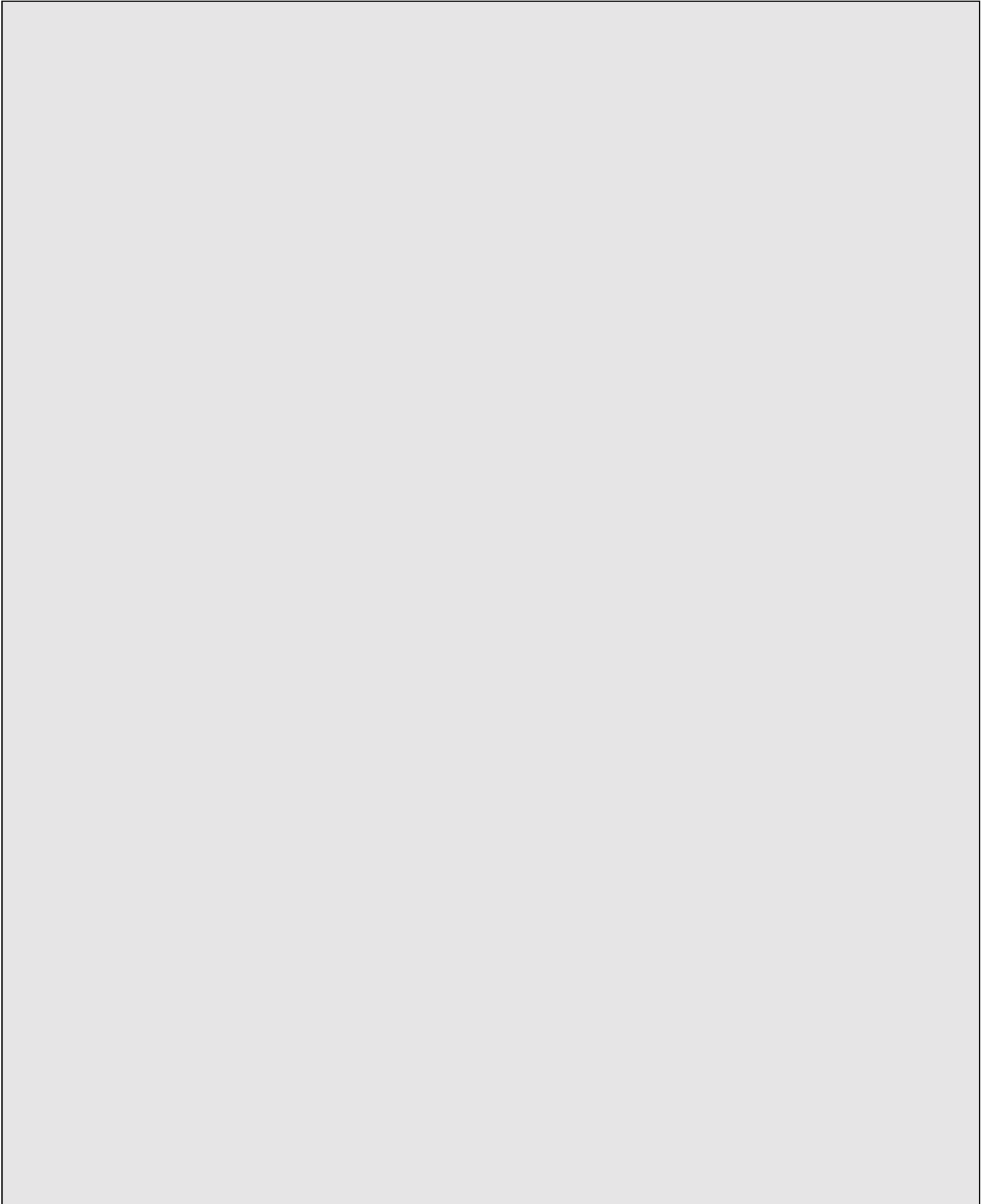
While recipients are not hand selected, any donation will save a life somewhere.

"There are 80,914 candidates on the transplant list," according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. "When one person decides to donate, they have the chance of saving or improving up to 50 lives."

Sellers implores people everywhere to decide to become organ donors, for themselves and their children.

"With all of the emotional strain we've been under these last months, we have not yet had to experience the loss of a child," said Sellers. "We are in need of parents who will unselfishly give life to our son or another baby during their time of grief."

Anyone interested in learning more about organ sharing can visit the United Network for Organ Sharing Web site at www.unos.org.



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